

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR KARA HAHN



## FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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### **Bellone to sign Toxin Free Toys Act Tomorrow at 11:30AM**

*Legislator Hahn's initiative implements stricter limitations on six toxins found in some children's toys; prohibits the sale of new children's toys that contain potentially unsafe levels of known carcinogens*

#### What:

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, **tomorrow** June 23, 2015, will sign into law a proposal intended to safeguard children by prohibiting the sale of new toys containing six toxins that pose a threat to childhood development. Under the "Toxin Free Toys Act", sponsored by Legislator Kara Hahn (D-Setauket), all new toys sold in the County will need to be in compliance with stricter limits on Antimony, Arsenic, Cadmium, Cobalt, Lead and Mercury than current federal regulations. Legislator Hahn sponsored the legislation in response to a report issued by the New York League of Conservation Voters and Clean & Healthy New York that found several products containing carcinogenic components on the shelves of Long Island stores. The dangerous materials identified in toys tested in that report have been linked to cancer, cognitive impairments, hyperactivity and genetic disorders in children.

Enforcement of this law will be through the Suffolk County Department of Health which will first notify retailers beginning in January, 2016. Then in December, inspectors will begin conducting random checks for toys and other children's products

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containing toxic content with an x-ray fluorescence analyzer, which evaluates items for chemical their compositions.

Legislators unanimously approved the “Toxin Free Toys Act” earlier this month.

**Who:**

County Executive Steve Bellone

Legislator Kara Hahn, Bill Sponsor

Legislator Sarah Anker, Bill Co-sponsor

Joshua Klainberg and Christopher Goeken, New York League of Conservation  
Voters

Roberta Chase Wilding, Deputy Director of Clean and Healthy New York

Karen Miller, President of Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition

**When:**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2015**

**11:30 AM**

**Where:**

H. Lee Dennison Building, Plaza

100 Veterans Memorial Highway

Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099

**Visuals:**

A display of toys identified by the NYLCV and Clean and Healthy New York as containing toxins. Also a demonstration of an x-ray fluorescence analyzer.

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